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**PATENT**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:  
Lieven STUYVER

Serial No.: 09/720,435

Filed: June 25, 2001

For: METHOD FOR DETECTION OF DRUG-  
SELECTED MUTATIONS IN THE HIVE  
PROTEASE GENE

Confirmation No.: 1489

Group Art Unit: 1634

Examiner: EINSMANN, J.C.

Atty. Dkt. No.: 11362.0030.PCUS00  
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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED MARCH 14, 2003**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action dated March 14, 2003 for which the three-month date for response was June 14, 2003.

A request for a three-month extension of time to respond is included herewith along with the required fee. This three-month extension will bring the due date to September 14, 2003, which is within the six-month statutory period. Should any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. §§

1.16 to 1.21 be required for any reason relating to the enclosed materials, the Commissioner is authorized to deduct said fees from Deposit Account No. 01-2508/**11362.0030.PCUS00**.

Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.